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SUBJECT: MEXICO'S RESPONSE TO BLANKET DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE
REQUEST FOR TROPICAL STORM AND HURRICANE RECONNAISSANCE
MISSIONS

REF: SECSTATE 57566

¶1. Reftel requested U.S. Embassy Mexico City to obtain renewal of blanket overflight clearance for WC-130 Aircraft to conduct aerial weather data collection and research in tropical disturbances, tropical storms, and hurricanes from initial development through dissipation. (Note: The GOM has never extended blanket overflight clearance in the past. End Note). On 07 July 2009 Embassy Mexico City requested, via diplomatic channels with Mexico's Secretary of Defense (SEDENA), "Permanent Blanket Overflight Clearance" with no restrictions to operating altitude and that no pre or post flight notification through diplomatic channels be required.

¶2. The GOM/SEDENA responded 04 August 2009 indicating that it requires specific aircraft information and flight details 24 hours prior to the overflight event. Once the GOM/SEDENA has received the information in paragraph 3, it has indicated that it will respond appropriately to each request without delay.

¶3. The required information is as follows

- Applying Country (United States)
- Type of Aircraft
- Registration
- Distinctive Call-sign
- Military Organization
- Name of Plane Captain
- Number of crew members
- Number of passengers
- Date of entry into Mexican Airspace
- Objective of the overflight
 - The reason must be clear and explicit
 - If officials are on board, the names of the officials must be provided
- Origin of the Aircraft
- Flight path
- Ultimate destination
- Landing site
- If landing in Mexico, date of landing
- Reason for landing
- Date of departure

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